the legitimate interests of the parties involved. India supports the UN Secretary General's initiative in this regard.

Broad banding in electronics

1241. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted broad banding in several categories of electronics; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the Press Note issued by Ministry of Industry and Company Affairs, Department of Industrial Development on 25-10-1985 in the enclosed statement.

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Keeping in view the fact that in respect of certain specified industries, design and production facilities are common for many aggregates, Government have already announced schemes of broad banding in respect of 24 industries. In regard to electronic industry as a part of integrated policy for electronics, which was announced in March, 1985, it was indicated that broad banded approvals would be issued for certain specified electronic items. In pursuance to that it has now been decided to permit broad banding in the electronic industry under the following categories:—

i. Entertainment electronics, covering radio receivers, tape recorders, two-in-one/three-in-one, amplifiers, record players, record changer CC TV systems, TV sets—black and white and colour.

ii. Electronic Toys, including radio-controlled ones and games.

iii. Computer peripherals.

iv. Electronic test and measuring instruments.

v. Discrete semi-conductor devi-force from time to time.

Broad banding in the case of black and white and colour TV receivers in respect of foreign equity companies will be subject to licensing policy in force from time to time

2. Companies can now apply for manufacture of a broad category of these items instead of narrowly defined individual items, subject to the following conditions:—

1. Broad banding will be permitted only within the existing approved capacity and in the sub-category, as indicated above.

2. The scheme of board banding will not be available to an item, if reserved for small scale. However, in the case of an existing industrial undertaking already manufacturing a reserved item, the capacity will be pegged to the levels for which the unit is already licensed for such reserved item.

3. The import of components will be subject to the provisions of Import Policy in force. In the case of components which are on OGL, it will be necessary for the entrepreneur to get the phased manufacturing programme approved by Government.

4. Companies having an existing letter of intent/Industrial Licence, may apply for a change of description of the item of manufacture mentioned therein to the relevant sub-category. For this purpose, Non-MRTP/Non-FERA companies may submit a simple application in 6 copies to the concerned Joint Secretary, Department of Electronics. No fee is required to be paid. The MRTP/FERA companies will however, be required to make an application to the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in Form 'IL' as in the case of new licences or substantial expansion, with the requisite number of additional copies together with the prescribed fee.

5. The application should clearly indicate the nature of items/products which are being manufactured at present and the required sub-category of products which are required to be endorsed on the licence. The additional investment, if required, is also to be clearly indicated.

6. The broad categorisation mentioned above is for the purpose of industrial licensing. The units should continue to report production statistics in accordance with the existing classification prescribed by DGTD.

7. Government trust that this flexibility will facilitate fuller utilisation of existing capacity resulting in higher volume of production at lower costs.

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The Press Information Bureau is requested kindly to give wide publicity to the above press note.

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Imposition of U.K. visa rules on Indians

1242. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.K Government has imposed visa rules on Indians;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a larger number of Indians going to U.K. are detained in three immigration camps in U.K. for the last two years; and

(c) whether the Government of India have discussed this problem with the U.K. Government; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Of the some 170,000 Indian nationals who visited the U.K. in 1984, only 454 were denied immediate entry, and detained overnight in U.K. immigration Detention Centres.

(c) Consular and Immigration matters affecting Indian nationals visiting the U.K. have been discussed with the British authorities on several occasions. During Prime Minister's visit to London in October, 1985, this was again taken up with the British authorities. We have been assured that the British authorities would implement the Immigration Laws in a fair and human manner.

Exchange of firing between Pakistani and Indian troops

1243. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that heavy exchanges of firing bet-